

MILNER ACCUSED OF SLAYING 6-YEAR-OLD BOY

FIND D. C. GIRL IN POISON DAZE AT N. Y. DEPOT

Mildred Markley in Collapse From Strychnine—Taken To Hospital.

NEW YORK, May 17.—A young woman who said she was Miss Mildred Markley, of Washington, D. C., is recovering at Flower Hospital today from a dose of strychnine poisoning.

She collapsed in Pennsylvania Station last night shortly after arriving from Washington.

It was stated at the hospital today that she had not taken enough of the poison to cause her death.

FOUND WANDERING ABOUT.

Miss Markley was sent to the hospital from the rooms of the Travelers' Aid Society, where she became unconscious after being found wandering about the station by one of the agents of the society.

Dr. Nast found the young woman unconscious when he was called from Flower Hospital to the headquarters of the society at 465 Lexington avenue, after a superficial examination took his patient to the hospital. He told the police that he believed strychnine poisoning had brought about the girl's sudden illness.

Mystery surrounds the case, and no one at the Travelers' Aid rooms seemed willing to talk about it. The address of Miss Markley in Washington was not learned by the police.

CAME FROM WASHINGTON.

It was learned that Miss Markley arrived here presumably direct from Washington about 6:30 o'clock last night, and attracted the attention of one of the workers of the Travelers' Aid workers. She was taken to the society's rooms and after her arrival there became ill. She lost consciousness before a physician could be summoned.

Whether Miss Markley swallowed the strychnine by mistake or with intent to end her life remains a mystery. So far she has been too ill to give any explanation.

The name of Miss Mildred Markley does not appear in the city directory or in the telephone book, and efforts today to trace any relatives or friends of her here were futile.

If you know this young lady, notify the city editor of The Times at once.

SENATORS O.K. BLAIR FOR REVENUE CHIEF

Sen. Johnson Defeated in First Fight on Proposed Revenue Head.

The Senate Finance Committee agreed today to report favorably to the Senate the nomination of David M. Blair, of North Carolina, for internal revenue commissioner.

The committee's action followed exhaustive hearings on objections raised to Blair's qualifications for the office by Senator Hiram Johnson, Republican, of California. Blair and Johnson met face to face at these hearings.

Johnson claimed Blair as Internal Revenue Commissioner would be called upon to pass upon tax exemptions claimed by James H. Cannon, his father-in-law and a wealthy North Carolina business man. An investigation by the committee disclosed that settlement of the claims had already been arranged by the Treasury Department.

Johnson also charged Blair voted for President Harding for the Republican party nomination at the Chicago convention last June after the North Carolina election gave Johnson an overwhelming majority.

The committee's action in refusing to sustain Johnson's objections is believed to foreshadow early confirmation by the Senate of Blair's nomination.

BOYS AND GIRLS

See page 2 for the \$300,000 Contest Announcement.

Clip the coupon and mail it today.

This Apparatus Tells If You're a Liar

Old Tell-Tale Heart Thumps When You Stray from the Truth



MARINES PUT IRISH TO ROUT

Sinn Feiners Attack Kingstown Naval Wharf, But Are Driven Off.

DUBLIN, May 17.—Marines were landed from British destroyers repulsed an attack against the Kingstown wireless station and the Kingstown naval wharf by Sinn Feiners early today.

A soldier was killed in this city during a daylight ambush of a military lorry.

CONSTABLE SHOT DEAD.

A constable was shot dead and two others were fatally wounded in a Sinn Fein ambush near the Catholic church at Bannha, County Tipperary, according to information from that place today.

Sinn Feiners, yesterday afternoon launched an organized attack on Cork prison, but were repulsed after an hour's fighting, during which machine gun fusillades were poured into the attackers from the prison walls.

CORK, May 17.—One soldier was killed in a thirty-minute battle between crown forces and Sinn Feiners here today. The Republicans, armed with a Lewis gun, attacked a football crowd. Soldiers rushed upon the field to protect the football players and gave battle to the Sinn Feiners.

The smallness of casualties was attributed to the fact that both sides fought from behind defences.

LONDON, May 17.—With approximately forty dead in the unprecedented outburst of guerrilla warfare in western and southern Ireland, the British war office was reported today to be rushing heavy reinforcements of troops and artillery to combat the Irish republican army.

According to information from an authoritative source, the war office is sending twenty-four batteries of guns and 5,000 artillerymen. Ten thousand infantrymen are reported to have been moved into Ireland in the past ten days. There are more English troops and artillery in Ireland than at any other time in the history of the country.

MAY BLOCK ELECTIONS.

Fears are expressed that the big Sinn Fein offensive against British troops and Black and Tan policemen may obstruct the peace negotiations and may interfere with the election of members of the northern Ireland and southern Ireland parliaments later in the month.

Officials of the Irish office were unwilling to discuss the reported offer of Premier Lloyd George to most Eamon de Valera, president of the Irish Republic, for an open conference without any conditions.

Six men and three women were arrested by Scotland Yard agents this morning on the charge of complicity in the Sinn Fein outrages in England on Sunday. All were held.

Held as Cavell Denouncer.

NEW YORK, May 17.—Successful lying will soon be a lost art. The latest achievement of science is a machine which is said to be infallible in detecting a lie.

William Molton Marston, Boston lawyer-scientist, is the inventor of the psychological lie-detector.

The principal benefit to civilization of this machine will be its faculty of detecting untruths in criminal cases.

Mr. Marston, who is a member of the Harvard University faculty, claims no supernatural powers for the instrument, which is known as the sphymomanometer, but points out that in every case where the test was applied in court cases the machine unerringly detected statements that were false.

"The whole secret," declared Mr. Marston, "lies in the scientific fact that any person telling an untruth, experiences an emotion which absolutely affects the blood pressure and breathing. The effort to make what is untrue appear true causes an exertion which can be definitely traced by means of the stethoscope."

"The simplicity of the apparatus and method of the test are its first recommendations for practical use. The instrument is attached to the left arm above the elbow of the subject. The operator takes frequent pressures, while the subject is being cross-examined."

The sphymomanometer, which is operated by electricity, resembles vaguely the apparatus with which blood pressure is taken and is part of the development of the scientific detection of crime, inaugurated at Harvard Laboratory under Professor Hugo Munsterberg in 1915.

When the inquisitor starts questioning the suspect, the dial starts turning. When the suspect replies, this stops the dial and indicates the mental reaction, or time needed to think and answer. If the suspect attempts to conceal guilty knowledge, the blood pressure increases, which informs the questioner of the attempt to tell an untruth.

FOUR TOWNS FIGHT FIRE IN FROSTBURG

Aid Called From Environs as Flames Creep on Dynamite.

CUMBERLAND, Md., May 17.—Fire departments of Cumberland, Lanacoring and Westernport were summoned to Frostburg this morning to fight a fire which threatens the business section.

The interior of the Lyric Theater is smoldering, and the smoke is so thick that firemen even with masks are unable to locate the fire. The Stanton hardware store and a five and ten cent store adjoining are also burning in the interior. It is feared if the flames, now smoldering for hours, break out, all the buildings will be burned.

It is said a small quantity of dynamite is stored in the cellar of the Stanton store.

War Department Clerk Held for Running Down Man on Florida Avenue.

Run down by an automobile as he was riding his bicycle at Florida avenue and Q street northwest this morning about 7:45 o'clock, P. C. Mulcahy, an employee of the War Department for many years, living at 17 C street northeast, suffered injuries that resulted in his death.

Emergency Hospital physicians said he died from a fractured skull.

'Peggy' Opens Guns on Joyce in Cross Suit; Swears He Abused Her

CHICAGO, May 17.—Peggy Hopkins Joyce, known as a beauty on two continents, has filed a cross-bill against her millionaire husband, James Stanley Joyce, Chicago lumberman, asking the superior court to grant her a decree of separate maintenance. In another document Mrs. Joyce answered her husband's suit for divorce.

CIVIL SERVICE REVISION OK'D

Commission Chairman Champions Reclassification Plan Submitted by Board.

The Civil Service Commission today clearly indicated its support of the plan of reclassifying the Federal employees, contained in the report of the joint Congressional commission on reclassification.

Martin A. Morrison, chairman of the Civil Service Commission, appeared before the joint Civil Service committees of the House and Senate in their first hearing on reclassification.

He made this statement: "The report of the joint Congressional Commission on Reclassification is a splendid document. In the work of drawing up that report, our commission, gave the very best aid it could. We detailed our leading experts in advising and helping the Senators and Congressmen who were working on the subject. While we are not discriminating between bills, we can have no hesitation in supporting the work of the joint reclassification commission."

Chairman Morrison also stated that there never had been an adequate classification of Government workers, and that the term "classified civil service" is a misnomer.

"The Civil Service Commission has no statutory interest in salaries," continued Mr. Morrison, "but it has found it next to impossible to perform its functions under the existing scale of salaries. They are altogether too low to attract qualified men to the positions we offer them. We have more than one brought this condition to the attention of Congress."

JONES FOR WIDER SCOPE.

Senator Jones of New Mexico, who was chairman of the joint Congressional Commission on Reclassification, declares that the Civil Service Commission must have a wider scope in the future.

"It must not only be charged with the duty of obtaining efficient men for the Government service, but it must see to it that they perform efficiently. It must also see to it that they are properly paid, and that they are properly promoted, and that they are properly protected."

Senator Sterling, chairman of the Senate Civil Service Committee, acted chairman at the joint hearings, and stated that "the existing inequities and inequalities in the Federal service ought to be cured by legislation at the earliest practicable date."

MENTION ALL BILLS.

He briefly mentioned the various reclassification bills now before Congress including the Smoot, Woods, Lehigh and Sterling measures.

Senator Sterling expects the hearings will continue about ten days. Beginning tomorrow, there will be both morning and afternoon sessions. A large delegation from the Federal Civil Service Commission, the experts of the reclassification commission, the Civil Service Commission and other interested persons were in attendance at the hearing today.

FRANCE REVIVES FORMER RELATIONS WITH VATICAN

PARIS, May 17.—The nomination of Senator Charles Jonnart to be French ambassador to the Vatican was ratified by the Cabinet today.

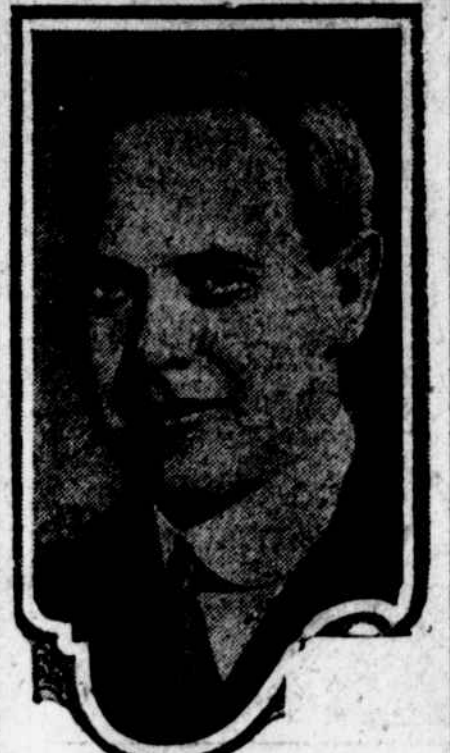
M. Jonnart was formerly allied high commissioner in Greece, and was credited with causing the abdication of Constantine.

France has not had a representative at the Vatican since the break between the French government and the Catholic church in 1904.

Killed by Burglar.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 17.—Harvey Rieger, proprietor of the Rieger Iron and Wire Works, of this city, was shot and killed in his home by a burglar early today.

RICHARD WASHBURN CHILD, who today was named by President Harding as Ambassador to Italy.



CHILD NAMED ITALIAN ENVOY

Former Editor of Collier's Harding Chooses—Dr. Schurman Chinese Ambassador.

Richard Washburn Child has been named by the President as Ambassador to Italy, it was announced at the White House this afternoon.

The nomination of Child will be sent to the Senate this afternoon, together with that of Dr. Jacob Gould Schurman, president of Cornell University, as Ambassador to China.

Richard Washburn Child is a resident of New York and is a writer of note, although a lawyer by profession. He was at one time editor of Collier's Magazine. During the recent campaign he was attached to President Harding's headquarters in Marion.

Coroner Nevitt will conduct an inquest into this afternoon. The discovery was made by George Ripplly, 3019 Eleventh street, and Policeman E. H. Hinson.

Besides Mr. Estey, Mrs. Estey is survived by a daughter, Mrs. L. J. B. Chisholm, of Bridgeport, Conn., and a son, William H. Estey, of this city.

CRAZED BY PAIN, WOMAN ENDS LIFE

Mrs. Elizabeth Estey, Wife of House Clerk, Dies After Opening Gas Jet.

Despondent because she could not get relief from bodily pain, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Estey, fifty-four years old, 2013 Eleventh street northwest, committed suicide, according to the police, by inhaling gas.

The woman's body was found on the floor of her home shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon. The discovery was made by George Ripplly, 3019 Eleventh street, and Policeman E. H. Hinson.

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GOV. RAPS MINISTERS WHO PROTEST PRIZEFIGHT

CAMDEN, N. J., May 17.—A protest against the Dempsey-Carpenter fight, filed by the Camden ministerial union, today brought the report from the governor that ministers who don't want to live in the State where the boxing match is staged should leave the State.

"That's the kind of an answer we would expect from a man who tried to make Jersey as wet as the Atlantic ocean," said the Rev. J. B. J. Rhodes, former president of the union.

Governor Edwards explained the Dempsey-Carpenter bout is not a prize fight, but a "legalized, scientific exhibition of boxing."

Slayer Gets Five Years.

GATE CITY, Va., May 17.—Ira Parks, who was convicted of killing his father-in-law, has been sentenced to five years in the Virginia State penitentiary.

CHILD IS SLAIN BY STRANGLER, MODISTE HELD

Mrs. Evelyn Lewden Arrested by Detroit Police—Denies Charge.

VICTIM LURED TO DEATH

"Prize" Hobby Horse and Fancy Handkerchief Found in Lad's Pockets.

DETROIT, Mich., May 17.—Following the finding of the body of six-year-old Max Earnest, who has been missing since last Wednesday, police entered a charge of murder against Mrs. Evelyn Elizabeth Lewden, who previously had been charged with abduction.

The boy's body was found face downward in a ditch on the outskirts of the city. The body bore bruises which indicated that he had been beaten and choked to death.

CONDUCTED STORE HERE.

Mrs. Lewden, the police said, had threatened the boy's life after his father had refused to lift a chattel mortgage which he held on Mrs. Lewden's furniture.

The police regard the finding of a gray hair on the boy's clothing as an important clue.

The boy's mouth had been stuffed with grass and mud. The face was mottled and bore the marks of bruises. The hair was matted over the forehead, the sides of which were bruised.

SUSPECT VISITS MORGUE.

In the boy's pockets were found a "prize" hobby horse, a spelling lesson, and a handkerchief on which had been worked the design of a rose.

Mrs. Lewden was taken to the morgue today and shown the murdered boy.

"Do you recognize him?" she was asked.

"No," she replied. "The last time I saw him he was wearing a cap."

THREE YOUNG ONES BECOME TENDANTS OF SOUTH LOT—PRESIDENT CLEARS UP 'MYSTERY'

President Harding has adopted a new way of getting rid of pests at the White House.

Today at a conference with newspapermen, the Chief Executive said three capable-looking young owls were being cared for in the southern section of the White House grounds. The presence of the birds of wisdom were somewhat of a mystery to visitors at the White House.

The mystery was cleared up when President Harding told the scribes the owls will make life miserable for any rat that pokes his nose in the Executive Grounds.

"Want to see the owls?" President Harding asked the reporters after the conference. "But really, I don't know which would be the best plan—to show the newspapermen to the owls, or to show the owls to the newspapermen."

BURGLARS STEAL SAFE WITH POLICE NEARBY

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 17.—While police reserves waited in station No. 10, in Niagara street, for burglary reports after daylight this morning, robbers backed a truck to the door of the Schults bakery, 100 feet away, broke into the place, and carted away a large safe containing \$500.

CARRIERS OF DEATH ARE MADE TO FEED LIVING

TERIEKI, Finland, May 17.—A new use for decharged floating mines has been discovered by the Kronstedt refugees being fed by the American Red Cross here.